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1. SUMMARY: PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT FINAL PLENARY MEETING OF 1974 CCD SESSION AUG 22 WERE US, USSR AND MEXICO. US STATEMENT (FULL TEXT CONTAINED STATE 183045) COVERED CW VERIFICATION, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THRESHOLD TEST BAN AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, NON-PROLIFERATION, AND CCD ENLARGEMENT. USSR STATEMENT REVIEWED SOVIET POSITIONS ON WIDE RANGE OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES. MEXICAN REP TABLED WORKING PAPER ON PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ARTICLE VI OF NPT. AFTER INFORMATION MEETING, COMMITTEE ADOPTED CCD FINAL REPORT TO UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB MARTIN (US) STATED THAT US DOES NOT SHARE VIEW THAT, IN DISARMAMENT MATTERS, TECHNICAL ISSUES DO NOT HAVE MAJOR INFLUENCE ON POLITICAL JUDGMENTS. HE MAINTAINED THAT, IN AREA OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, POSSIBILITIES FOR EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION WERE IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING SCOPE OF POSSIBLE MEASURES AND IN EVALUATING ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY EFFECTS. MARTIN STATED THAT WE KNEW OF NO WAY TO VERIFY DESTRUCTION OF DECLARED CW STOCKPILES EXCEPT BY OBSERVATION OF DESTRUCTION AND THAT WE WERE CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DEVISE PROCEDURES FOR CW DESTRUCTION SO THAT NEITHER INDUSTRIAL NOR MILITARY SECRETS WOULD BE REVEALED. MARTIN SAID THAT IT SEEMED REASONABLE TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSIONS OF VERIFIABLE CW LIMITATIONS BY CONVERGING ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOLUTIONS OF THOSE ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM FOR WHICH SOLUTIONS COULD MOST READILY BE FOUND. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ASSERTED THAT IT WAS MUCH EASIER TO ENVISAGE SOLUTION FOR VERIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION OF DECLARED CW STOCKPILES THAN IT WAS TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF VERIFYING THAT DECLARATION OF STOCKPILES WAS IN FACT COMPLETE. MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH CW EXPERTS IN JULY HAD ADVANCED COMMITTEE'S COLLECTIVE TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING OF CW ISSUES.

3. TURNING TO THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY AND PROTOCOL, MARTIN NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SPECULATION THAT, BECAUSE IT PROVIDED FOR SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, TREATY RECOGNIZED SOME DISTINCTION IN TECHNOLOGY FOR WEAPONS TESTS AND PNE'S. HE STRESSED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AND RECALLED JULY 24 REMARK BY SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT IT WAS UNREALISTIC TO MAKE DISTINCTION AT EARLY STAGES OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN PEACEFUL USES AND POTENTIAL MILITARY APPLICATIONS BECAUSE ANY CAPACITY TO PRODUCE EXPLOSION HAD OBVIOUS MILITARY APPLICATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT PROCEDURES OF PROPOSED PNE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO STATES IN EARLY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY.

4. MARTIN SAID THAT IN WIDE-RANGING USG REVIEW OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION NECESSITY OF VIGOROUS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO DEFEND AND STRENGTHEN NON-PROLIFERATION AND NPT HAD BECOME PERFECTLY CLEAR. US INTENDED, AT FORTHCOMING PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE AND IN MONTHS AHEAD, TO WORK TO STRENGTHEN NON-PROLIFERATION AND NPT. IN CONCLUSION, MARTIN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT, AS RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN CO-CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CCD, CONSENSUS HAD BEEN REACHED TO ENLARGE COMMITTEE BY ADMISSION OF FRG, GDR, IRAN, PERU AND ZAIRE.

5. AMB ROSHCHIN (USSR) REITERATED SOVIET VIEWS ON WIDE RANGE OF DISARMAMENT TOPICS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT REVIEW CONFERENCE WOULD STRENGTHEN NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME, PRAISED SOVIET STEP TO PLACE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION ON UNGA AGENDA, CALLED FOR PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND SUPPORTED CONVENING OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IN "NEAREST FUTURE". ROSHCHIN SAID THAT SOVIET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEL BELIEVED IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SEARCH FOR STAGE-BY-STAGE MEANS OF SOLVING PROBLEM OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. HE HELD THAT THRESHOLD TEST BAN BROKE DEADLOCK IN TEST BAN DISCUSSIONS AND OPENED POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD COMPLETE CESSATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. HE ALSO SAID THAT REQUESTS BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES TO BECOME MEMBERS OF CCD WERE EVIDENCE OF CONFIDENCE AND INTEREST SHOWN BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN WORK OF COMMITTEE. ROSHCHIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEW MEMBERS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS FACING CCD.

6. AMB GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD TABLED WORKING PAPER ON PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ARTICLE VI OF NPT. HE NOTED THAT WORKING PAPER CONTAINED STATISTICS ON DIMENSION OF ARMS RACE WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN CITED BY MEXICAN DEL IN

APRIL 16 PLENARY STATEMENT.

7. AFTER INFORMAL MEETING, COMMITTEE ADOPTED REPORT OF
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